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## Iraq Poultry Situation

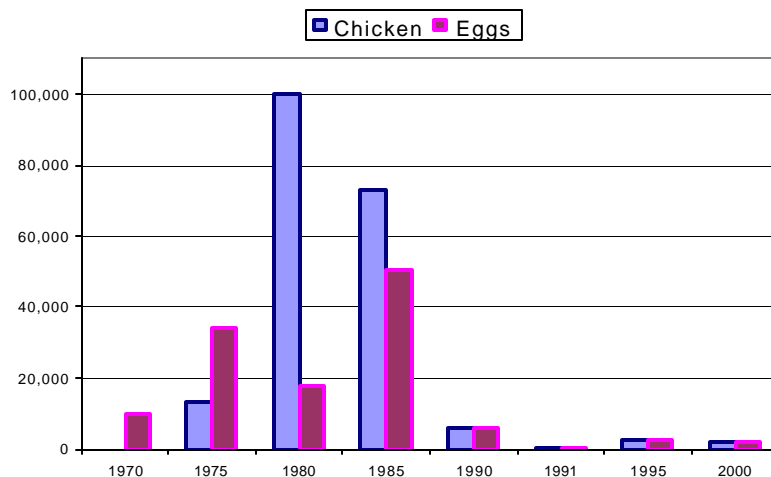
The Iran-Iraq war (1980-88) devastated Iraq's economy and left Iraq with the largest military structure the Gulf and massive debts. In 1990 Iraq invaded Kuwait, starting the first Gulf War and the United Nations placed an oil embargo on Iraq. Up to the implementation of the oil-for-food deal in December 1996, the country had to rely mainly on domestic production to meet food needs.

Before the Gulf war, Iraq used to produce about one-third of the basic food requirement of its population and spent over US\$2 billion annually to import the balance. By 1997, its capacity to produce food had deteriorated considerably while the population, and, hence, overall food requirements had increased. Protein quality is also low as would be expected from a ration based heavily on cereals. The high quality foods needed to supplement the ration are animal foods.

Prior to the sanctions imposed in 1990, Iraq had been a major market for U.S. chicken leg quarters. Shipments to Iraq peaked in 1987 when \$58 million worth of U.S. poultry and \$6 million worth of U.S. egg and egg products were shipped, according to USAPEEC.

France and Brazil compete for the export in the Middle East, with Saudi Arabia being the major importer. About two thirds of France's chicken meat exports, and half of Brazil's, are to the Middle East. According to the Brazilian Chicken Exporters Association (ABEF) Iraq was Brazil's biggest chicken market in the 1980's. Brazil supplied US\$135 to US\$150 million worth of frozen broilers to Iraq during the Iran-Iraq war. Brazil is currently supplying Iraq with canned meat, coffee and sugar as part of the oil for food program administered by the UN. On May 7, President Bush suspended the Iraq Sanctions Act of 1990 imposed by the United States against Iraq's old regime. The U.S. also suspended certain economic sanctions.

## Iraq: Chicken Meat and Shell Egg Imports, in metric tons



Source: UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)

## Iraq: Food supply 1997/98 and utilization

based on pre-1990 caput levels ('000 tons)

Commodity	Estimated production	*Possible imports	Total supply 1997-98	Pre-1990 supplies	Difference
Poultry meat	33	0	33	245	-212
Eggs (millions)	150	0	150	1,228	-1,078

\*under SCR 986/MOU, FAO data

## Iraq Chicken Situation

	Chicken Production MT	Chicken Import From all Sources MT	Iraq Population in thousands
1962	4,100		7,273
1970	18,000	150	9,356
1975	29,000	13,324	11,020
1980	57,800	100,000	12,954
1985	189,954	73,000	15,206
1990	192,283	6,000	17,271
1991	8,891	500	17,773
1995	37,000	3,000	20,049
2000	50,000	2,100	22,946

Imports topped at 107,000 metric tons in 1984. FAO data

## Annual U.S. Poultry Meat Exports to Iraq

Year	Volume in Metric Tons	Value in Dollars
1967	3	2,906
1968	6	6,403
1976	28,135	2,864,770
1977	14,320	14,640,004
1980	25,459	31,797,278
1981	31,933	42,178,817
1987	56,918	57,742,316
1988	3,490	4,077,489

FAS data

## Poultry Houses: 1999 Electricity Requirements

Governate (State)	Houses	Capacity/Bird/Batch	Percent of Total
Erbil	288	2,160,000	39%
Sulaymaniyah	211	2,110,000	38%
Dohuk	15	1,250,000	23%
Total	503	552000	100%

Sources: USDA/Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS), United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization, Daily Washington File, White House news releases, and various news stories

**Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade****U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending May 03, 2003	2003	2002/1	2003	2002
Liquid	457	502	4,292	6,724
Frozen	0	0	63	0
Dried	0	80	135	138
Total	457	582	4,490	6,862

**U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending May 03, 2003	2003	2002/1	2003	2002
Liquid	70	127	1,976	2,435
Frozen	6	51	1,387	1,344
Dried	40	272	440	1,764
Total	116	450	3,803	5,543

**Inspected Shell Eggs****U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

Week Ending May 03, 2003	2003	2002 /1	2003	2002
Jumbo	0	0	121	1,034
Extra Large	1,280	210	8,302	3,717
Large	2,850	3,066	18,143	33,805
Medium	1,590	1,368	23,398	18,778
Ungraded	2,220	15,930	12,456	77,405
Misc	0	780	3,042	11,164
Total	7,940	21,354	65,462	145,903

/1 Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.  
Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch in cooperation with Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division.

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION** W/E 03-May-03  
(PRELIMINARY)**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	1,846	1,209	3,055
LAST WEEK	1,880	1,242	3,122
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,946	1,543	3,489
TO-DATE/2003	30,616	23,696	54,312
TO-DATE/2002	33,033	23,676	56,709

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	279	3	282
LAST WEEK	134	4	138
SAME WEEK YR AGO	362	0	362
TO-DATE/2003	5,108	68	5,176
TO-DATE/2002	5,873	20	5,893

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, PLTRY DEVELOPMENT DIV.

**TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	2,125	1,212	3,337
LAST WEEK	2,014	1,246	3,260
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,308	1,543	3,851
TO-DATE/2003	35,724	23,764	59,488
TO-DATE/2002	38,906	23,696	62,602

SOURCE: USDA/AMS PLTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BR.

**CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN**

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

09-MAY-2003				
<b>CHICKEN</b>	PRICES		VOLUME	
	(Cents per Pound)			

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

**CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED**

09-MAY-2003				
	PRICES		VOLUME	
	(Cents per Pound)			

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	16.00	13.00-15.00	121,600	-
WTD AVERAGE	16.00	14.61		
15-20%				
RANGE	-	10.50-17.00	1,288,800	40,800
WTD AVERAGE		12.62		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	13.00	81,600	-
WTD AVERAGE		13.00		

\* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

**EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN**

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

09-MAY-2003				
<b>CHICKEN</b>	PRICES		VOLUME	
	(Cents per Pound)			

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

**CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED**

09-MAY-2003				
	PRICES		VOLUME	
	(Cents per Pound)			

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	15.75-18.50	17.00	550,000	520,000
WTD AVERAGE	17.13	17.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	11.00-17.00	10.50-16.50	1,976,000	416,000
WTD AVERAGE	12.50	12.68		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	11.00	80,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		11.00		

\* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 9 MAY 2003.**

The white meat undertone was steady at best. Breast trim and scapula showed signs of increased activity while tom breast meat, destrapped tenderloins and wing meat remained sluggish. Offerings easily satisfied buyers' needs. Some trading was noted on open priced fresh 10-14 lb. wogs for May-June shipments and some weakness was noted on 20 lb. and heavier canner pack toms. The undertone on 4-8 lb. breasts was mostly steady for the light to fair demand. Offerings adequate. Domestic trading centered on light volumes of 4-8 lb. breasts, bulk parts and frozen tom breast meat. Tails traded at 20 and fresh wing meat at 47 cents delivered domestic. Export trading centered on a moderate volume of tom drums, balance light to fair. Edible livers traded at 13 and fresh tom drums at 17 cents delivered export.

**FRIDAY, MAY 09, 2003****EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	18.50-20.50		19.32	560	19.53	1,483
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	12.00-13.00		12.50	208	13.06	468
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	18.00	208	18.00	312
TAILS		M	16.00	52	16.00	52
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	14.50-19.00		16.69	248	16.69	248
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	49.00-62.00		53.50	368	50.08	1,367

**THURSDAY, MAY 08, 2003****EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	17.00-20.50		18.93	280
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	13.50		13.50	52
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	18.00	208
TAILS		M	16.00	52
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		F	17.00	52
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	41.00-51.00		45.24	328

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 07, 2003****EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	19.75-20.00		19.89	356
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	13.00-14.00		13.50	208
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	18.00		18.00	208
TAILS		M	16.00	52
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		F	17.00	52
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	44.00-51.00		48.10	540

**TUESDAY, MAY 06, 2003****EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	18.50-22.00		20.10	287
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	12.00	104
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	18.00		18.00	104
TAILS		M	16.00	52
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		F	17.00	52
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	52.00-63.00		60.73	131

**MONDAY, MAY 05, 2003****EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		R	19.00	40
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	12.00	104
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS	16.00		16.00	52
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		F	17.00	52
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	45.00	416

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Product contains 15-20% fat with skin added.

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